

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 493

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joe Hagey Scott of
Maury County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Joe Hagey Scott; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Joe Scott served with acumen and alacrity as a Maury County Circuit Court Clerk and later as Maury County Commissioner, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a native of Maury County, Joe Scott was born to the late Burtie C. Scott and Ida Wilkin Cole Scott; and

WHEREAS, a 1947 graduate of Columbia Central High School, Mr. Scott nobly served the United States Army at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky, with the 101st Ariborne Division during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, following his astute military service, he returned to Columbia to work as a wholesale grocer with the Charles C. Parks Company; he was later associated with the Norton & Steeley Company, where he worked for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott was appointed to serve as Maury County Circuit Court Clerk in 1980, a position to which he was re-elected three times before his retirement in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Joe Scott was a member of the first graduating class of Tennessee Certified Public Administrators from the University of Tennessee and was the first-ever elected Maury County Commissioner in 1998; representing the First District, Mr. Scott served the position with unwavering dedication until the end of his life; and

WHEREAS, as commissioner, he stood on several committees and served as Chair of the Health and Environment Committees; seen as a natural leader, he was elected by his colleagues to serve two terms as Chairman Pro Tempore; and

WHEREAS, a community leader who was greatly respected by the citizens of Maury County, Joe Scott gave of his time and many talents as a 32nd Degree Mason and as a member of the Columbia Masonic Lodge #31, the Al Menah Shrine Club, the Columbia Elks Lodge, the Maury County Kiwanis Club, and the Herbert Griffin American Legion Post #19; he also served selflessly as a volunteer at the Maury Regional Medical Center for sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, when he was not volunteering or attending a civic meeting, Mr. Scott loved to spend his time fishing and playing golf; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep faith, he was an active and devout member of the First United Methodist Church, which served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Joe Scott was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-eight years, Jewel White Scott, and was the proud father and father-in-law of Marvann and Thomas Baker; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott will be sorely missed by his neice and her husband, Shirley and Billy Hugh Link; his nephew and wife, Miller G. and Carol Bass, Jr.; and his three great-nieces; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his beloved sister, Frances Scott Bass; and

WHEREAS, Joe Scott leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Joe Hagey Scott, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Scott.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.